



## 6th ASG Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program Newsletter May 2005



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Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program

Watching over our community.

### May SNAP Training Dates are as follows:

: 18 May 05 / 10:00 AM  
Robinson Barracks Theater.

: 25 May 05 / 10:00 AM-  
Patch Barracks Bldg  
2320 classroom 4.

Community Observer's must attend training before conducting SNAP patrols. The training only takes about 45 minutes. You can view the training dates in the Community Post and the Commander's Information Channel.

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## SNAP - Helping To Keep Our Neighborhoods Safe

### What is SNAP?

SNAP is the Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program. It is a coordinated and comprehensive effort to enhance force protection, crime prevention and situational awareness.

Your neighbors know who you are, what type of vehicle you drive, who belongs in your neighborhood and who does not.

When suspicious activity or a crime is observed, the SNAP members must call the police immediately.

The key to SNAP success is communication between citizens and the police. SNAP is by no means a vigilante type organization. The confrontation of suspicious



persons or the apprehension of criminals should be left to the police.

### Who can volunteer?

Everyone is encouraged to participate. You must be 18 years old and have an ID card. A family-member child who is 16 years old may service as part of an observation team when the other team member is a trained adult. Children younger than 16 years old may

participate when they are in the presence of their parents or guardians.

You can participate and help keep your neighborhood safe!

### Benefits of Volunteering:

Volunteers can gain recognition and awards, promotion points, training and much much more!

### How can you participate?

#### Community Observer:

When you walk your dog, ride your bike or if you go to the local park, be aware of your surroundings, it's that easy! Community Observer's must attend training before conducting patrol.

## Observe and Report

### How to report suspicious activity?

Give your name and phone number. Briefly describe the event: Who was involved? What happened? When did it happen? Where did it happen? Try to be specific. Were there injuries,

or weapons involved?

Describe the subject(s): What was their gender? Race, Age, Height and Weight, Hair color, Clothing and distinctive characteristics such as beard, mustache, tattoos, ear-ring; scars, voice characteristics. Describe the ve-

hicle(s) if one was involved: Color, Make, model and year, License plate number, Special features such as sticker, dents, rims. Call the Military Police Emergency Number at 114 or DSN 430-5261/5262 or Civilian 0711-680-5261/5262.

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### **SNAP and the Military Police are Initiating A Vacation Watch Program**

You can sign up to have your home watched while on vacation simply go by the Patch Military Police station and fill out the required Vacation Watch form.

**As a Neighbor** if someone in your neighborhood goes on leave, you can volunteer to keep an eye on their place. Empty the mailbox,



Have your home watched while on vacation

so it doesn't overflow. Even simply walking by the house or apartment will deter criminal activity.

### **Playground Equipment and Structures**

Summer is near, our children will be playing outside again, let's make sure the playground equipment is safe. If you find anything broken or something that could cause injuries report it right away.

### **THEFT**

Larcenies from automobiles is one crime that can be deterred with a few simple tips.

- DO NOT store valuables in plain view in your vehicle.
- Lock all your doors.
- Keep valuables out of sight; lock them in your trunk.
- Park in a well lit area.
- Report all suspicious activity to the Military Police immediately.

Call Emergency 114 or DSN 430-5261/5262 or Civilian 0711-680-5261/5262.

## Crime Safety Tips for Walkers and Runners

Running and walking continue to be an extremely popular exercise in sport. Here are a few pointers to stay safe as you hit the road. Plan your outing. Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Tell friends and family of your favorite exercise routes. Know where telephones are located along the route or carry a cell phone.

Wear an identification tag or carry a driver's license. If you do not have a place to carry your ID, write your name, phone number, and blood type on the inside of your athletic shoe. Include any medical information. Do not wear jewelry or carry cash. Do wear reflective material. Stay



alert at all times. The more aware you are, the less vulnerable you are. Run or walk with a partner and/or a dog. Do not wear Headsets. Listen to your surroundings. Exercise in familiar areas. Avoid unpopulated areas, deserted streets, poorly lit areas Run clear of parked cars or bushes. Run/walk against traffic so you can observe approaching automobiles. If you think someone is following you, chance direction and head for open stores.

## Recognizing our SNAP Volunteers

***Following SNAP Volunteers are being recognized for their outstanding support and long hours during these listed events.***

### **For this years Spring Bazaar:**

Mrs. Colleen Aldridge  
MSgt James Aldridge  
MSG James Baker  
Mrs. Kay Beim

Mrs. Monica Richard  
Mr. Walter Burke  
Mrs. Val Caporicci  
Mrs. Jackie Nasca  
ITC Joe Nelson  
Mrs. Marie Ramier  
Mrs. Melissa Rodeffer  
Mrs. Elizabeth Trampenau

MSgt Zeigler Ulysses

### **For this years Kidsfest**

MSG James Baker  
ITC Joe Nelson  
SMSgt Gregory Outlaw  
SSgt Ronald Venn

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### Criminal Acts within the Community

Vandalism isn't funny...it's a crime! Vandalism—the willful destruction or defacing of property—is a crime. It's expensive to repair. It makes our communities unattractive and unsafe.

Recently there has been numerous reports of vandalism and graffiti within the Community. Individuals who are responsible for such an act are subject to prosecution by law. Destruction of Government or personal property is punishable.



### History of Terrorism and Organizations

Terrorism is by no means a new concept. A traditional tactic of the weak, it has been around since the beginning of recorded time if not longer.

Present day terrorism is fueled and can be directly linked to three major events in modern day history. Over the past three decades terrorist groups have committed acts of extreme violence for political reasons. Often it seems as if these acts are committed at random and without reason by lunatics who have no regard for the maiming and killing of innocent human beings or the violent destruction of property. If we

look a little deeper into the problem however, we will find the individuals who commit these acts are rational and sane human beings who are deeply committed to their cause. So deep in this commitment, they feel they are morally justified and are willing to go to any extreme in ensuring the achievement of their goals. As citizens of the United States, we all become symbolic or official representatives of our government when traveling abroad. This is true regardless of whether we are service members or civilians, diplomats or tourists, or high-

ranking officers or enlisted personnel. As representatives of the United States, we become valuable targets to terrorist groups. Just as they consider themselves to be soldiers in the fight against capitalist oppression and imperialism, they consider us to be legitimate combatants, whether we are members of the military or innocent civilians. One of the most difficult problems facing US citizens regarding terrorism is the idea "it happens to someone else and always occurs overseas". While most acts involving Americans do occur overseas, the

### History of Terrorism and Organizations Cont.....

idea it always happens to someone else leads to a dangerous level of complacency on the part of most Americans. Another problem that confronts Americans is the general attitude the terrorists are mysti-



cal and flawless tacticians and are undefeatable by Western society. Terrorist groups do make mistakes. The real problem is we have yet to become proficient at catching these mistakes.

By becoming involved in the SNAP program in assisting our great Force Protection and Law enforcement agency, we can increase awareness to prevent the possibility of a terrorist attack, get involve today, the time is to act now, not afterwards.